



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Folsom, CA 95630**

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

This Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program update will provide information on two topics that are of interest to the public and the Commission. For sake of clarity, the two topics are discussed separately.

1. Impact of California fires within OHMVR grant project locations (2013 to current)
2. 2015/2016 Grant Cycle

Discussion

Impact of California Fires Within OHMVR Grant Project Locations (2013 to Current)

The drought California has endured for the past several years has had a significant impact on the number of fires within the state. The attached report, "Fire Impacts to Grant Funded Locations," provides a synopsis of the impacts California fires have had to grant funded locations for the past three years.

Impacts from the fires to the grant funded locations have been minimal and no permanent damage has occurred to off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were closed while fires was ongoing to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. With a few exceptions, all roads and trails are currently open.

The Rough fire is currently affecting the Spanish Lake OHV area within the Sierra National Forest and the majority of the Hume Lake District of the Sequoia National Forest has temporarily closed. Once all fire activity has ended, both the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests will evaluate the conditions and determine the appropriate time to reopen the affected areas.

OHMVR Division grant staff are working with federal partners to adjust current projects if needed; such adjustments include time extensions and adjusting cost estimates within

the various categories. The regulations that govern the program do not allow the grantee to receive additional grant funds.

2015/2016 Grant Cycle

The 2015/2016 Grants Cycle will commence on January 11, 2016, when application materials are made available on the OHMVR Division website. The timeline for the 2015/2016 Grants Cycle is as follows:

- Grants workshops, Ontario – January 11 and 12, 2016
- Grants workshops, Sacramento – January 14 and 15, 2016
- Preliminary applications due – March 7, 2016
- Final applications due – May 2, 2016
- Intent to Award posted – June 6, 2016
- Final Awards posted (if no appeals) – July 7, 2016

Commission Action

For information only

Attachment(s)

Fire Impacts to OHMVR Grant Funded Locations

Fire Impacts to OHMVR Grant Funded Locations 2013 to Current

Power House (6/13) – 30,000 Acres

Angeles National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. One trail of note that is still closed so that rehabilitation activities can occur is the Back Country Trail. Work is currently being completed to stabilize the trail and it is anticipated that it will open by summer of 2016. There was no change in scope and no additional cost associated with fire.

Mountain Fire (7/13) – 27,531 Acres

San Bernardino National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open. There was no change in scope and no additional cost associated with fire.

Rim Fire (8/13) - 257,314 Acres

Stanislaus National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Etiwanda Fire (4/14) – 2,143 Acres

San Bernardino Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Happy Camp Complex Fire (8/14) - 132,833 Acres

Klamath National Forest

No OHV areas were impacted by the fire.

King Fire (9/14) – 97,717 Acres

Eldorado National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. The Rubicon Trail was temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. The trail is currently open.

Round Fire (2/15) – 7,000 Acres

BLM Bishop

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

North Fire (7/15) – 4,250 Acres

San Bernardino National Forest

Damage to portions of the Baldy Mesa OHV area, within the San Bernardino National Forest, resulted from the North Fire. This damage to the trails, in terms of soils lost, occurred as a result of a rainstorm and flooding that occurred immediately right after the fire. A couple of roads/trails are currently closed for rehabilitation before they can be reopened. The cost to rehabilitate these roads will be approximately \$45,000 using Ground operation grant funds. All current grant projects within the Baldy Mesa OHV area are on schedule.

Willow Fire (7/15) – 5,602 Acres

Sierra National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Walker Fires (8/15) – 3,715 Acres

Inyo National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. Several roads and trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Johnson Fire (8/15)

Six River National Forest

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. **The fire affected several roads/trails within the Pilot Creek OHV Area in the Mad River Ranger District of the Six River National Forest.** The roads/trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Rocky and Jerusalem Fires (8/15) - 69,438 Acres

BLM Ukiah

No permanent damage to OHV areas and/or facilities. The fire affected roads/trails within the Knoxville Recreation area and scatter plots around it. The roads/trails were temporarily closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. All roads/trails are currently open.

Rough Fire (9/15) – 151,623 Acres

Sierra National Forest / Sequoia National Forest

The fire is currently affecting the Spanish Lake OHV area within the Sierra National Forest. Several roads and trails are currently closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. The area will be reviewed after the fire to determine when the area can be reopened.

Additionally, the fire is currently affecting the Hume Lake District of the Sequoia National Forest. The majority of the district is currently closed to provide for public safety and facilitate fire suppression efforts. The area will be reviewed after the fire to determine when the area can be reopened.